

MONTGOMERY COUNTY
FIRE CODE ENFORCEMENT
ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY 06-01

CODE REFERENCE:

NFPA 14 (2003) 7.2.1.2 and 7.8.3.2

BACKGROUND:

Previous editions of NFPA 14 allowed 65 psi at the top standpipe hose outlet. This edition requires 100 psi and the additional pressure may cause pressures to exceed 175 psi at the lower valves.

POLICY:

Pressure reducing hose valves shall be of such type that will allow a single action to render the restricting portion of the hose valve inoperative without the use of a tool and with a gloved hand.

JUSTIFICATION:

Pressure reducing hose valves were prohibited in the county due to past experiences with the valves. Therefore this policy is to insure reliable and fail-safe operation of the hose valve with a PRV's

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